

reporting of cases of infectious diseases, to require an independent assessment of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks and medical centers of the Department, S. 1593, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protections accorded to servicemembers and their spouses with respect to mortgages, an original bill entitled, "Veterans Health Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act", and an original bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, after receiving testimony from Senators Reed, Nelson, Franken, Coats, and Heinrich; Robert I. Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, David R.

McLenachen, Director, Pension Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Richard Hipolit, Assistant General Counsel, and Jane Clare Joyner, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Richard Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 3302, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 66 public bills, H.R. 3380–3445; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 100–101; H. Con. Res. 62–63; and H. Res. 395–401, were introduced. **Pages H6951–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6957–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 982, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos; and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–254);

H.R. 2655, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–255); and In the Matter regarding the arrests of Members of the House during a protest outside the United States Capitol on October 8, 2013 (H. Rept. 113–256). **Page H6951**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cramer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6905**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6911**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Roskam, Chairman; Rep-

resentatives Fortenberry, Boustany, Conaway, Buchanan, Crenshaw, Wilson (SC), Brooks (IN), Latham, Black, and Ribble. **Pages H6915–16**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Representatives Pitts, Aderholt, Gingrey, and Burgess. **Page H6916**

Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act: The House passed H.R. 992, to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities, by a recorded vote of 292 yeas to 122 noes, Roll No. 569. **Pages H6916–28**

Rejected the Brownley motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 568. **Pages H6925–27**

H. Res. 391, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 992) and (H.R. 2374), was agreed to yesterday, October 29th.

Relating to the Disapproval of the President's Exercise of Authority To Suspend the Debt Limit: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 99, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 191 nays with 2 answering

“present”, Roll No. 570. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, October 29th. **Page H6928**

H.J. Res. 99 was considered under the provisions of H. Res. 391 and section 1002(e)(2)(C) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 62, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page H6928**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Ike Skelton, former Member of Congress. **Pages H6928–29**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 1st unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 62, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H6944**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2013—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–70). **Pages H6943–44**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6926–27, H6927, and H6928. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 5:11 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 62, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

PPACA IMPLEMENTATION FAILURES: ANSWERS FROM HHS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “PPACA Implementation Failures: Answers from HHS”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

CHINA’S MARITIME AND OTHER GEOGRAPHIC THREATS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “China’s Maritime and other Geographic Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ESTABLISHING A SYRIAN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Establishing a Syrian War Crimes Tribunal?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CYBERSECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Cyber Incident Response: Bridging the Gap Between Cybersecurity and Emergency Management”. Testimony was heard from Roberta Stempfley, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FACILITY PROTECTION: IMPLICATIONS OF THE NAVY YARD SHOOTING ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Facility Protection: Implications of the Navy Yard Shooting on Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from L. Eric Patterson, Director, Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security; Greg Marshall, Chief Security Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Caitlin Durkovich, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

REGULATORY CRIME: IDENTIFYING THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Over-Criminalization Task Force held a meeting entitled “Regulatory Crime: Identifying the Scope of the Problem”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 298, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 585, the “Anchorage Land Conveyance Act of 2013”; H.R. 1846, the “Lower East Side